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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2003, please reconsider this application in light of the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully submit that the finality of this Action be withdrawn. In the amendment filed on December 13, 2002, applicants simply rewrote claim 4 in independent form; the amended and added claims presented no new issues. In the outstanding Action, the Examiner